(a) whether Doordarshan Kendra at Ranchi in Bihar is functioning in a garage;

(b) if so, the progress made so far for the construction of a new building for Doordarshan; and

(c) the area of present Doordarshan office and number of rooms therein?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) Yes, Sir. This is a make shift arrangement.

(b) As it has been tentatively decided to reduce the size of the project for the establishment of Studio Centre at Ranchi, the interim arrangement is envisaged to be shifted to a nearby location in the same complex for providing better facilities.

(c) Present Doordarshan made shift studio set up is housed in 50 sq. mtrs. area. Another 50 sq. mtrs. floor area supports production staff, suitably partitioned at the site.

[*Translation*]

Amount Spent on Regional Publicity Directorate

595. SHRI RAM TAHAL CHOUDHARY: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise amount spent in regional publicity directorate during the last three years;

(b) the objectives of regional publicity directorate set for Bihar;

(c) the extent to which these objectives have since been achieved;

(d) whether Government propose to set up more regional publicity directorates in Bihar; and

(e) the reaction of the people of Bihar in regard to information circulated by this organisation on Bihar?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) A statement showing the amount spent by Directorate of Field Publicity (not Regional Publicity Directorate) for the last three years, regionwise, is given in the statement attached. Some regions cover more than one State/Union Territory.

(b) and (c). The Directorate of Field Publicity has no specific objectives or programmes for Bihar or any other State. The programmes of the Directorate have national rather than regional themes though sometimes campaigns are undertaken in response to specific needs of a particular area or subject. In Bihar such campaigns have been undertaken on subjects such as 'Kala Azar', 'Diarrohea' 'Immunisation' and 'Adult Eduction' during the last three years.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) The reactions of the people of Bihar to Directorate of Field Publicity programmes varies depending on the nature, content and publicity format of a programmes.

STATEMENT

Amount Spent on Regional Publicity Directorate

(Rs. in thousands)

Sl.No.	*Region*	*1988-89*	*1989-90*	*1990-91*
1.	Andhra Pradesh	2317	2725	2900
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	2335	2544	3271

(Rs. in thousands)

Sl.No.	Region	1988-89	1989-90	1990-91
3.	Bihar (Patna)	2263	2573	2888
4.	Bihar (Ranchi)	1647	1937	1918
5.	Gujarat	2085	2270	2493
6.	J & K	2578	2588	2922
7.	Karnataka	2125	2526	2535
8.	Kerala	2261	2528	2747
9.	Maharashtra	2492	2857	3011
10.	MP (Bhopal)	1748	2039	2157
11.	MP (Raipur)	1751	2007	2167
12.	Nagaland	2148	2340	2554
13	NE Shillong	2073	2308	2460
14.	NE Guwahati	2304	2635	3155
15.	NW Chandigarh	3311	3515	3515
16.	Orissa	2070	2549	2663
17.	Rajasthan	2478	2757	2896
18.	Tamil Nadu	2133	2635	2652
19.	U.P. Lucknow	3037	3061	3301
20.	U.P. Dehradun	2392	2707	3089
21.	W.B Calcutta	2296	2496	2623
22.	W.B Siliguri	1544	1785	1836
		49388	55382	59753

Modernisation of Telephone System in Devariya/Balia, U.P.

596. SHRI HARI KEWAL PRASAD: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are considering to expand and modernise the telephone system in Devariya and Balia districts of Uttar Pradesh; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?